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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM CONSUL PESHAWAR.

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SUBJ: CIVIL DISOBEDGGNCE MOVEMENT IN NWFP

1. UNITED DEMOCRATIC FRONT INAUGURATED ITS CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE MOVEMENT IN FRONTIER ON SCHEDULE AUGUST 24 WITH PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PRECESSIONS IN PESHAWAR AND SEVERAL MAJOR PROVINCIAL TOWNS. ALL ELEMENTS UDF (NAP, JUI AND JAMAAT) HAVE SINE CONTINUED MAINTAIN MOMENTUM OF MOVEMENT IN SERIES POLITICAL RALLIES ON SUCCESSIVE DAYS THROUGHOUT PROVINCE. NWFP GOVERNMENT HAS NOT IMPOSED SECTION 144 PROHIBITING GATHERINGS AND HAS

NOT ATTEMPTED TO RESTRICT UDF'S ACTIVITIES.

2. ON AUGUST 26 NAP LEADER ABDUL WALI KHAN SPOKE TO ONE OF THE LARGEST THRONGSEVER SEEN IN VFIKLAR'S CHOWK YADGAR. OTHER PESHAWAR MEETINGS WHERE MAIN SPEAKERS HAVE BEEN EX-NAP GOVERNOR ARBAB SIKANDER, JUI CHIEF MUFTI MAHMUD AND JAMAAT-I- ISLAMI LEADERS HAVE ATTRACTED SMALLER BUT STILL SIZEABLE CROWDS. ALL UDF RALLIES HAVE THUS FAR BEEN PEACEFUL WITH OPPOSITION LEADERS

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PUBLICLY PLEDGED TO MAINTAIN NON-VIOLENT POSTURE

AS LONG AS GOVERNMENT REFRAINS FROM USING FORCE.

3. UDF SPEAKERS HAVE BEEN UTILIZING ALL MAJOR OPPOSITION THEMES IN THEIR ATTACKS ON BHUTTO REGIME, BUT HAVE PLACED PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON FOOD SHORTAGE AND COST OF LIVING ISSUES. IN KEEPING WITH THEIR CLAIMS THAT MOVEMENT WILL REMAIN NON-VIOLENT, SPEECHES BY WALI KHAN AND OTHER UDF LEADERS HAVE BEEN MORE MODERATE BOTH IN TONE AND CONTENT THAN THOSE MADE BY PROVINCIAL UDF LEADERS PRIOR AUGUST 24.

4. COMMENT: UDF LEADERS APPEAR GENUINELY COMMITTED TO KEEPING CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE MOVEMENT ON PEACEFUL COURSE. LACK OF VIOLENCE TO DATE IN PROVINCE, HOWEVER, IN PART DUE TO DECISION OF GOVERNOR ASLAM KHATTAK NOT TO UTILIZE

SECTION 144 AGAINST UDF AND TO HIS POLICY OF ATTEMPTING INSURE THAT HEAVILY REINFORCED POLICE CONTINGENTS DO NOT CLASH WITH UDF DEMONSTRATORS. DESPITE PRESENCE PAST WEEK IN FRONTIER OF CENTRAL MINISTERS QAIYUM KHAN AND SHERPAO WHOSE STATEMENTS HAVE GIVEN IMPRESSION THEY FAVOR POLICY OF ROUGHING UP THE OPPOSITION, GOVERNOR KHATTAK APPEARS DETERMINED PREVENT MEMBERS PPP, PML AND OTHER GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS FROM HARASSING OR OTHERWISE PROVOKING UDF INTO VIOLENCE.  
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